

Conference Notes

In a little more than two weeks from this writing, and in a little less than two weeks after this paper reaches our readers, the National Conference of the Brethren church will be in session at Winona Lake.

The time is short and whatever of preparation may be necessary on the part of those who expect to be in attendance should be made at once.

Remember the date, Friday, August 31, and with it remember that you should be there on the day it opens and also on the day it closes, and on every day between.

Beginning late in the week you may think within yourself that it is not necessary that you should be there before Monday, but in this you will make a mistake. You will miss all the blessing and the inspiration which the Sabbath worship brings to those who are in attendance.

Credentials have been mailed to all pastors thru out the brotherhood. If any pastor in the church failed to get these blank credentials he should write at once and he can yet be supplied.

The Brethren Publication Board will have on its sale's table a full line of Bibles and other books; also tracts, pamphlets, booklets, etc.

The National Conference of 1900 should be the best we have ever had. It is the last one of the nineteenth century and you should not miss it. A good program has been prepared, and with a good attendance we have the promise of an inspiring meeting. Let the church be well represented.

The Best Route to Winona

Those who propose to attend the Conference at Winona Lake, should arrange to make the trip via the Pennsylvania Line direct to the Assembly Grounds. Elegant service from the East to the West.

Time tables, rates and any information pertaining to passenger train service will be furnished by Pennsylvania Line Agents, or same may be secured by addressing C. L. Kimball, Assistant General Passenger Agent, Cleveland, Ohio.

Felt Safe but Were Not

Three men walking along the Panhandle tracks of the P. R. R. stepped off one track to avoid a train going in one direction and were caught by a train going in the other. A little girl with them, a daughter of one of the men, escaped, while the three men met sudden death. These men felt perfectly safe but they were not safe. This incident illustrates a truth which has its counterpart in the spiritual. Feelings are a very unsafe guide in matters spiritual, for the reason that they are deceptive. A man may feel that he

is right when he is not right. Feelings are a very unsafe guide, for they may lead us in the way of destruction as well as in the way of safety. To build one's hopes on feeling is building on sand. Faith does not come by feeling neither does knowledge. We do not know because we feel, rather we feel because we know. A message over the wire conveys to you the intelligence of the death of your friend, and you feel sad. Your feeling came by knowledge, and not your knowledge by feeling. Build on the sure foundation, Christ Jesus, have faith in God, trust him and obey him, and you will not be misguided by the exorability of your feelings.

An Inconsistency

Monday noon of this week on our way home from market we observed two young men practicing "at ball." They were a safe distance from the nearest street, not within reach of any dwelling, off from the alley, behind a feed and livery stable. A policeman happened by, stopped and told the young men that they were violating a borough ordinance, and that as an officer it was his duty to see that the law was respected. We have no fault to find with the ordinance forbidding practice "at ball," but it does appear to us glaringly inconsistent and to "smell" a trifle of hypocrisy to see an officer "run down" two young men passing a ball from one to the other behind a barn, off a back alley, when on the business street of the town cigars and cigarettes, ice cream and soda, are sold on the Sabbath, and during the week saloons are open after legal hours; when the town licenses gambling places, dancing halls, and in other ways permits un-

scrupulous and conscienceless men to set traps to lead the young into ways of sin and ruin. The difference is that one brings money into the town treasury and destroys the character and the morals of the young people, while "ball" pays no revenue and might do a little damage to the physical. It is clear that money is a consideration far above that of morality, religion, culture and even the soul itself. When once the Christian people of this and of other towns come to their senses, all these things will be changed. Compare, if you please, a little practice "at ball," which is forbidden, with the work of the saloon, the gambling hall and the bowling alley which are licensed and permitted by law. It is the old story of "straining at a gnat and swallowing a camel."

More Light than Darkness

Physical science and ordinary observation are in the habit of telling us that night and day are equal, that there is as much darkness as there is light, until we lose sight of the fact that darkness is merely a little cone of shadow streaming back from the earth for a short distance until it vanishes to a point. Beyond, and all around, and everywhere, it is always light. Floods of glory from the great luminary sweep on thru space without any interval of darkness, without so much as the flitting shadow of a cloud.

In our experience of the world and also in our spiritual experience we are apt to think that there is as much darkness as light. The shadows are often so dense and the light so hidden from our eyes that we come to look upon life as a divided empire, where by an immovable law the reign of night is as per-

A Unique Printed Letter

Many and various are the letters that come into an editor's office, but among those which must be classed with real curiosities is a printed letter from a town in Kentucky, an exact reprint of which we give below:

POTEET KY.,

AUG. 11.

1900

DEAR BROTHER IN Christ

Please send us the names and addresses of the heads of families belonging to the christian Church at that place, and them that you think would be most likely to subscribe for a christian advocate. We also want others to read our paper.

Why we first ask the Christians to subscribe, it is the duty of the Christians to first introduce the cause that will bring about the desired affect that will do good in Christ.

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Head the list with your name and receive the Paper one year free. Address all communication to AMERICAN HOME
POTEET KY.,